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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 2

Part B for January 1925

SUBJECT

Forwards the proceedings of the committee embodying their discussion and decision on the decentralization of the powers and duties of the Mugrai Offices

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T. O. No. 770-81
Order 28.11.24

To the Mug. Com
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" members of the Committee.

The recommendations of the Committee are sanctioned

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Muz)

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FILE HEADING.

Decentralization of the powers and duties of the Muz: Comr & the Dy: Comrs, revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis and formation of Taluk & Distt Committees –

From

The Muz: Comr in Mysore

No. C. 1211/23-4 Dated 22-9-24 Received 25.9.24

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards the proceedings of the Committee embodying their discussion & decision on the questions referred to above.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

A Committee consisting of 10 members, with the Muz: Comr as Presdt, was appointed to discuss the following questions: (vide G.O. Nos 1812-24/Muz 332-22 & 14-6-24)-10

1) The appointment of Taluk and District Committees, their constitution and functions.

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2) Revision of the existing rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis.

3) How far the powers and duties of the Muz: Comrs. and the Dy: Comrs., as laid down in the schedule printed as annexure to G.O. No. 1332-63/Muz 63-22-9 & 25.9.22, may be revised with a view to further decentralization.

As regards the 1st question, the Committee have resolved that having regard to the complexity & divergences of the different creeds and persuasions the appointment of Committees is not desirable & the M. Comrs. agrees with the Committee. If Govt. are in favour of appointing Committees, they recommend the appointment of Dist. Committees only and define the constitution and functions of the Committee.

3 As regards the 2nd question, the Committee is of opinion that as the existing rules are working satisfactorily, no material changes are required and only make certain suggestions for consideration. The suggestions are:-

1) As regards the internal management of the institution, the unanimous opinion of the Dharmadarsis to be given effect to immediately

When the Amildar disagrees with them, the orders of the D. Comr. to be awaited ~~for~~ for ~~short~~ 6 months.

2) Jewels of minor & village institutions to be left in the custody of the Dharmadarsi, if he gives 1½ times the value as security, provided their value is not more than Rs 1000/-.

3) Substitutes for archaks may be appointed by Dharmadarsis

4) If a person interests himself in an institution and renders much help to it, the M. C. may appoint him sole Dharmadarsi -

5) In the case of minor institutions, Amildars may be empowered to incur expenditure up to Rs 50, subject to adjustment within one months.

4. As regards the third question, they have resolved that no modifications are necessary -

5. The Committee have further resolved, that the Rev: Sub. Dr. offrs may be recognized as Mny: officers & their orders appealed against to the Dy: Comr. and the Mny: Comr. appealed to against the orders of the Dy: Comr. -

At present the S. Dr. is Mny Officer to the extent of in the powers delegated to him by the Dy C and

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The Mcy: Comr. ~~does~~ agrees with the proposals of the Committee and recommends that two non-offl. Committee members viz., messrs C. Srinivasa Rao & M. Narayanaraja urs may be paid T/A out of the interest on the Spcl. Mcy: Fund - subd for orders.

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7. Resn (1) As stated by the majority of the members there seems to be no necessity for District Committees.

8. Resn (2). may also be approved.

9. Resn (3). The two proposals made are desirable ones. They involve the Amendment of the Mcy Regulation. As the new Mcy Bill is under preparation in the D. of Excise. the Secretary may be asked to include these points.

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13. [illegible]

14. [illegible]

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16. [illegible]

17. Draft order is put up, as directed.

18. As the Committee was appointed with the approval of H. H., it is subd for orders whether the proposed order (draft) should not be subd to H. H. for approval before issue.

17.10.24

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19. Draft Scheme submitted

19/10/24 — to Hon'ble Member

19.10.24.

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11. The proposal to revise the rates for Sarda canal water is to be dropped as the rates are, so that the existing contract, executed & registered may be the proceeds of the Committee to which case it is to be carried out. The draft may be revised accordingly & resubmitted. — Embargo also may be removed as the circumstances have changed.

22 The draft for the Schedule (sent to Revenue)

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Revised draft as ~~per orders~~ as indicated by the Member, is submitted.

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Rev. Secy.

24) Submitted

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25) Typed draft submd.

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Rev. Secy. 11 Nov

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26) Draft is slightly revised & copy Please. This may be submitted for Secretary's approval.

On approval by him, a fresh note with a copy for the ... may be put up.

Dr 1.7.41 Reg 3.4

Dr 14.11.24.

27) Does this not go far enough? There is much delay in disposal of land cases — & revenue is suffering on this score. Have this been received?

28) Trees & undergrowth [illegible] can be withdrawn without amending the Regn.

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2	To the Muzrai Commr.", Comptroller & members of the Decentralization Committee. No. 770-81 d. 28.11.24. Passes orders regarding the decentralization of powers of the Muzrai Commr." & Deputy Commrs." The formation of District & Taluk Committees and the revision of the rules defining the powers & duties of Dharmad[illegible]

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Proceedings of the meeting of the Committee appointed in Government Order No.1812-21/M.F.232-22-10 dated 14th June 1924 held at Bangalore on Saturday the 13th September 1924.

Present.

K. Chandy, Esquire., B.A., Chairman

1. Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.,
2. Lokahitaishi H. Nanjundaraj Urs Esq.,
3. Rao Saheb H. Chennaiya, Esq.,
4. B.K. Gardachar, Esquire.,
5. Srinivasa Rao, Esquire.,
6. G. Paramasivaiah, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
7. B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
8. A.K. Syed Taj Peeran, Esq., B.A.,

ABSENT. 10. N.S.Nanjundaiah, Esq.,

RESOLUTIONS.

I The order of Government No.1812-21/M.F.332-22-10 dated 14th June 1924 appointing the committee and defining the terms of reference.

Read and recorded.

II The appointment of Taluk and District Committees, their constitution and function.

Resolved that having regard to the complexity and divergences of the --- different creeds and persuasions that have to be represented by a --- mixed committee of the kind and of the practical difficulties involved in making up electoral roles of the several denominations and religions concerned, and of the fact that an advisory body of Dharmadarsis is -- appointed for each Institution or group of Institutions, the appointment of Committees does not seem to be desirable; but if Government are in favour of appointing committees the appointment of District Committees only to represent all interests, (not institutions) in the District excepting Mathas and ----- Makans is recommended and one committee for each District may be appointed, the functions should be secular and -- ~~admin~~administrative only, the ritual of particular institutions not -- being within the scope of such committees; the constitution and ----- functions of the committees may be ~~as~~ as follows:--

Note

Messrs Rao Saheb H. Chennaiya & G. Paramasivaiah think that Committees are desirable but are in agreement with the others regarding the constitution and functions ~~and~~ -- ~~functions~~ of the committees.

Constitution

CONSTITUTION.

(i) The committee shall consist of 12 to 15 members with the Deputy Commissioner as President and the Revenue Sub Division Officers as ---- ex-officio members.

(ii) So long as Dharmadarsis to manage the affairs of religious or charitable institutions are not elected, the District Committees shall also be nominated by Government.

(iii) All the members of the District Committee shall be considered as ex-officio Dharmadarsis or visitors of the Institutions within the District area.

(iv) The District Committee shall meet not less than twice and not more than four times a year.

(v) Travelling allowances according to District Board rates may be given to non-official members, the charges being met from the interest earnings of the General Muzrai Fund.

(vi) An annual conference of Dharmadarsis of all Institutions in a Taluk may be held along with the Taluk Conference.

FUNCTIONS.

(i) The functions of the District Committee shall for the present be confined to the administrative and financial aspects of the Institutions and their opinion will be advisory.

(ii) The members of the District Committees shall have power to visit Institutions consistently with existing usages and submit reports to the Deputy Commissioner.

(iii) The following classes of questions shall come within the purview of the District Committees.

(a) Consideration of the resolutions passed by the Taluk Muzrai ---- Conferences.

(b) Consideration of the annual budget estimates.

(c) Repairs to buildings.

(d) Grant of loans to other Muzrai Institutions or local bodies.

(e) Holding of cattle shows etc., in connection with annual ----- Rathotsavas and the levy of fees.

(f) Consideration of the annual reports on the working of the Muzrai Institutions.

(g) Investment of funds belonging to Institutions and improving their financial resources.

(h) Consideration of the subjects to be brought up at the Representative Assembly and those that are referred to the Committees & for investigation and report.

(i) All other questions that might be referred to the committee by the Dharmadarsis of Institutions or other authority competent to do so.

111. Revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis.

Resolved that the rules as now framed are working satisfactorily, no material changes are now recommended but the following suggestions are made.

(1) As orders on the recommendations of the Dharmadarsis are sometimes delayed by the local officers, the following may be substituted to Rule 1X of the "A" set of rules framed under Sec.15 of the Muzrai Regulation.

"In all matters of routine relating to the internal management of the Institution, the unanimous opinion of the Dharmadarsis will be given effect to immediately. But where the Amildar disagrees, he shall submit a copy of the proceedings to higher authorities for orders within 30 days of the receipt of proceedings in his office. If orders of the Deputy Commissioner are not received within 6 months, the decision of the Dharmadarsis shall be carried out. But if more time for the disposal of the matter is required, the Deputy Commissioner shall obtain the orders of the Muzrai Commissioner for extension of time."

Resolved further

(i) that if a Dharmadarsi furnishes security to the extent of 1½ times of the value of Jewels belonging to a minor or village institution, Jewels of the maximum value of Rs.2000/- may be left in his custody for use during prescribed occasions, thus obviating the necessity of depositing the jewels in the Taluk Treasury and conveying them to the Institution on hetchukatle and other occasions.

(ii) If an archak or other temple servant goes away without appointing a substitute, the Dharmadarsis may make temporary arrangements in consonance with the usage of the temple concerned and pending orders of regarding his successor.

(iii) If a person has done a great deal for an institution, minor or village, and continues to interest himself in its welfare, he may be appointedas sole Dharmadarsi by the Muzrai Commissioner.

(iv) In the case of "Minor Institutions", the Amildar may be empowered to sanction if the Dharmadarsis approve, and draw bills up to Rs.10/- in each case of unsanctioned items of expenditure, intimation thereof

being given to the Deputy Commissioner immediately and the expenditure regularized within one month.

IV. How far the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners as laid down in G.O.dated 25-9.1922 may be revised with a view to further decentralization.	Resolved that as the orders are so recent and as no difficulty has been felt in its practical working, no modifications are now necessary.

RESOLVED FURTHER. (1) that the Revenue Sub Division Officers may be -- recognized as Muzrai Officers in their respective jurisdication under the provisions of the Muzrai Reg.and orders passed by them made appealable to the Deputy Commissioner.

(ii) that the Muzrai Commissioner's authority to hear appeals against the orders of Deputy Commissioners in cases coming within the purview of the Muzrai Regulation may be recognised."

(SD.) K. CHANDY,
CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

"C O P Y"

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MUZRAI COMMISSIONER.

Proceedings of the Government of H. H.

the Maharaja of M y s o r e.

Read.-

G.O. No. 1812-21/Muz.332-22-10 dated 14-6-1924 appointing a mixed Committee of officials and non-officials with the Muz. Commissioner as Chairman to consider and report upon (1) the formation of Taluk and District Committees, (2) the further decentralization of the powers and duties of the Muz. Commr. and the Deputy Commrs. and (3) the revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of the Dharmadarsis.

2. Letter No.C.1211 of 1923-24 dated 22-9-1924 from the Muz. Commr. in Mysore, forwarding the Resolutions of the Committee (Printed as annexure) with his own views thereon.

Order No. 770-81 dated 3
Muz 80-24-2

Govt. in their order No. 1812-21/Muz. 332-22-10 dated 14-6-1924 referred the undermentioned questions to the Committee for consideration:

1. The formation of District and Taluk Committees to help local Muz. Officers in the administration of Muz. Institutions in their charge.
2. The decentralisation of powers to the Muz. Commr. and the Deputy Commissioners.
3. Revision of the rules regarding powers and duties of Dharmadarsis.

2. As regards the formation of District and Taluk Committees, the Committee observe that having regard to the complexity and

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divergencies of creeds and persuasions that will have to be represented in these Committees, if all the Muz. institutions in a Taluk or District are to be placed under their control and the difficulty of drawing up elaborate rules, the appointment of such Committees is not desirable, especially as an advisory body of Dharmadarsis is appointed for each institution or group of institutions of any importance. The Committee add that if Committees are to be appointed, only District Committees should be constituted on which representation should be given only to interests and not to institutions and that ~~makkas~~ Mathas and Makhans should be exempted from the purview of the Committees. ~~The functions~~ proposed to be assigned ~~to the Committees~~ will be purely secular ~~and administrative~~ and their operations will be purely ~~advisory~~. Govt. after carefully considering the whole question ~~and~~ are in ~~entire~~ agreement with the Committee that the constitution of District and Taluk Committees ~~at the~~ for present ~~time~~ is undesirable. ~~It will be of no~~ and need not be undertaken for the present. ~~practical value to constitute District Committees of the time~~ indicated in the Committee's report.

3. In regard to the revision of the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis, the Committee consider that as the existing rules are working satisfactorily ~~and that~~ no material ~~changes~~ alterations therein are ~~now~~ necessary. They, however, recommend the following minor changes to remedy some of the existing defects ~~improve defects which now exist~~ in the Rules:-

1. As orders on the recommendations of the Dharmadarsis are sometimes delayed by the Local Officers, ~~the following~~ may be substituted for Rule IX of the

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"A' set of rules framed under Section 15 of the Muzrai Regulation may be modified so as to provide for the unanimous opinion of the Dharmadarsis ordinarily being given effect to in all matters of routine relating to "the internal management of the institution, the unanimous opinion of the "Dharmadarsis will be given effect to "immediately. But where the Amildar "disagrees, he shall submit a copy of "the Proceedings to higher authorities "for orders within 30 days of the re- "ceipt of proceedings in his office. "If orders of the Dy. Commr. are not re- "ceived within 6 months, the decision "of the Dharmadarsis shall be carried "out. But if more time for the disposal "of the matter is required, the Deputy "Commr. shall obtain the orders of the "Muzrai Commr. for extension of time".

2. If a Dharmadarsi furnishes security to the extent of 1½ times the value of jewels belonging to a minor or village institution, jewels of the maximum value of Rs. 2,000/- may be left in his custody for use on prescribed occasions, thus obviating the necessity of depositing the jewels in the Taluk Treasury and conveying them to the institution on hetchukatle and other occasions.

3. If an Archak or other temple servant goes away without appointing a substitute, the Dharmadarsis may make temporary arrangements in consonance with the usage of the temple concerned and pending orders regarding his successor.

4. If a person has done much for an institution, minor or village, and continues to interest himself in its welfare he may be appointed sole Dharmadarsi by the Muzrai Commissioner.

5. In the case of "minor institutions" the Amildar may be empowered to sanction, if the Dharmadarsis approve, and draw bills up to Rs. 50/- in each case, of unsanctioned items of expenditure, intimation thereof being given to the Deputy Commissioner immediately and the expenditure regularized within one month.'

The recommendations of the Committee are sanctioned.

3. As regards the revision of the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners with a view to further decentralization, the committee consider that as G.O. No. 1332-63/Muz.63-22-9 dated 25-9-22

defining the powers and duties of the Muz. Commr. and the Deputy Commissioners is as recent and as no difficulty has been felt in its practical working, no modifications are now necessary, except that the Rev. Sub Division Officers may be recognized as Muz. Officers in their respective jurisdictions under the provisions of the Muz. Regulation and orders passed by them made appealable to the Deputy Commissioner and that the Muz. Commr's authority to hear appeals against the orders of Deputy Commissioners in cases coming within the purview of the Muz. Regulation may be recognised. Government approve of the suggestion that the Sub Division Officer may be invested with all the powers of a Muz. Officer in the Taluks comprised in ~~their~~ his charge. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are accordingly requested to delegate these powers to the Sub Division Officers under Section 2 (2) of the Muz. Regulation. As regards the proposals of the Committee to empower the Muz. Commr. to hear appeals from Deputy Commissioners provision has already been made in the Muzrai Amendment Bill now before Govt.

4. The Muz. Commissioner is requested to convey the thanks of Govt. to the members of the Committee for the valuable suggestions given by them. The non-official Members of the Committee will be paid Travelling Allowance for journeys performed by them for attending the meetings of the committee at the rates allowed to the Members of the

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To

The Muz. Comr. in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Govt.
The Members of the Committee.

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. 770-81—Muz. 80-24-2, dated 28th November 1924.

Decentralization of Powers.

Passes orders regarding the —— of the Muzrai Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners, the formation of District and Taluk Committees and the revision of the rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis.

READ—

Government Order No. 1812-21—Muz. 332-22-10, dated the 14th June 1924, appointing a mixed Committee of Officials and non-officials with the Muzrai Commissioner as Chairman to consider and report upon (1) the formation of Taluk and District Committees, (2) the further decentralization of the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners, and (3) the revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of the Dharmadarsis.

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ORDER No. 770-81—MUZ. 80-24-2, DATED 28TH NOVEMBER 1924.

Government in their Order No. 1812-21—Muz. 332-22-10, dated the 14th June 1924, referred the undermentioned questions to the Committee for consideration:—

1. The formation of District and Taluk Committees to help local Muzrai Officers in the administration of Muzrai Institutions in their charge.

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3. In regard to the revision of the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis, the Committee consider that as the existing rules are working satisfactorily, no material

alterations thereof are necessary. They, however, recommend the following minor changes in the Rules to remedy some of the existing defects:—

1. As orders on the recommendations of the Dharmadarsis are sometimes delayed by the Local Officers, Rule IX of the 'A' set of rules framed under Section 15 of the Muzrai Regulation may be modified so as to provide for the unanimous opinion of the Dharmadarsis being ordinarily given effect to in all matters of routine relating to the internal management of the institution, and for a time limit being fixed for the Amildar sending up the resolutions of the Dharmadarsis and obtaining orders thereon in cases in which he disagrees with the resolutions.
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5. In the case of "minor Institutions" the Amildar may be empowered to sanction, if the Dharmadarsis approve, and draw bills up to Rs. 50 in each case, of unsanctioned items of expenditure, intimation thereof being given to the Deputy Commissioner immediately and the expenditure regularized within one month.

The recommendations of the Committee are sanctioned.

3. As regards the revision of the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners with a view to further decentralization, the Committee consider that as Government Order No. 1332-63—Muz. 63-22-9, dated the 25th September 1922, defining the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners is recent and as no difficulty has been felt in its practical working, no modifications are now necessary, except that the Revenue Sub-Division Officers may be recognised as Muzrai Officers in their respective jurisdictions under the provisions of the Muzrai Regulation, and orders passed by them made appealable to the Deputy Commissioner, and that the Muzrai Commissioner's authority to hear appeals against the orders of Deputy Commissioners in cases coming within the purview of the Muzrai Regulation may be recognised. Government approve of the suggestion that the Sub-Division Officer may be invested with all the powers of a Muzrai Officer in the Taluks comprised in his charge. The Deputy Commissioners of Districts are accordingly requested to delegate these powers to the Sub-Division Officers under Section 2 (2) of the Muzrai Regulation. As regards the proposals of the Committee to empower the Muzrai Commissioner to hear appeals from Deputy Commissioners, provision has already been made in the Muzrai Amendment Bill now before Government.

4. The Muzrai Commissioner is requested to convey the thanks of Government to the Members of the Committee for the valuable suggestions given by them. The non-official Members of the Committee will be paid travelling allowance for journeys performed by them for attending the meetings of the Committee, at the rates allowed to the Members of the Representative Assembly, the charge being debited to the interest earnings of the General Muzrai Fund.

For Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

To—The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government.
The Members of the Committee.
PRESS TABLE.

Exd.—P.S.R.N.

No. 770-81—Muz. 80-24-2, dated 28th November 1924.

Letter No. C. 1211 of 1923-24, dated the 22nd September 1924, from the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Adverting to Government Pro. No. 1818-21—M. F. 332-22-10, dated 14th June 1924, appointing a Committee to consider and report upon the formation of the Taluk and District Committees, the further decentralization of the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners and the revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis, I have the honor to state that a meeting of the Committee was held in my office on Saturday the 13th September 1924, when all the members except Mr. N. S. Nanjundaiya who wired expressing his inability to attend the meeting, were present. The questions referred to the Committee were discussed at great length and conclusions as incorporated in the accompanying proceedings were arrived at.

The question referred to the Committee in your U. O. Note No 24 of 23, dated 23rd June 1924 has also been considered by the Committee and their recommendation in the matter of empowering Amildars to incur an expenditure up to the limit of Rs. 50 in respect of unsanctioned items of charges is embodied in resolution III (iv) of the proceedings.

The proposals of the Committee have my concurrence, I agree with the majority that there is no real need for District and Taluk Committees but if the people keenly desire it District Committees, with the powers recommended in the enclosed papers may be appointed.

I solicit sanction of Government to debit the cost on account of the travelling allowances etc., payable two the to non-official members, Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao and H. Nanjundaraj Urs who attended the meeting to the linterest earnings of the General Muzrai Fund.

Proceedings of the meeting of the Committee appointed in Government Order No. 1812-21—M. F. 232-22-10, dated 14th June 1924, held at Bangalore on Saturday the 13th September 1924.

Present.

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4. B. K. Garudachar, Esq.
5. Srinivasa Rao, Esq.
6. G. Paramasivaiah, Esq., B A., B.L.
7. B. Ramaswamaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.
8. A. K. Syed Taj Peeran, Esq., B.A.

Absent.

10. N. S. Nanjundaiah, Esq

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(i) The committee shall consist of 12 to 15 members with the Deputy Commissioner as *President* and the Revenue Sub-Division Officers as *ex-officio* members.

(ii) So long as Dharmadarsis to manage the affairs of religious or charitable institutions are not elected, the District Committees shall also be nominated by Government.

(iii) All the members of the District Committee shall be considered as *ex-officio* Dharmadarsis or visitors of the Institutions within the District area.

(iv) The District Committee shall meet not less than twice and not more than four times a year.

(v) Travelling allowances according to District Board rates may be given to non-official members, the charges being met from the interest earnings of the General Muzrai Fund.

(vi) An annual conference of Dharmadarsis of all Institutions in a Taluk may be held along with the Taluk Conference.

Functions.

(i) The functions of the District Committee shall for the present be confined to the administrative and financial aspects of the Institutions and their opinion will be advisory.

(ii) The members of the District Committees shall have power to visit Institutions consistently with existing usages and submit reports to the Deputy Commissioner.

(iii) The following classes of questions shall come within the purview of District Committees.

(*a*) Consideration of the resolutions passed by the Taluk Muzrai Conferences.
(*b*) Consideration of the annual budget estimates.
(*c*) Repairs to buildings.
(*d*) Grant of loans to other Muzrai Institutions or local bodies.
(*e*) Holding of cattle shows etc., in connection with annual Rathotsavas and the levy of fees.
(*f*) Consideration of the annual reports on the working of the Muzrai Institutions.
(*g*) Investment of funds belonging to Institutions and Improving their financial resources.
(*h*) Consideration of the subjects to be brought up at the Representative Assembly and those that are referred to the Committees for investigation and report.
(*i*) All other questions that might be referred to the Committee by the Dharmadarsis of Institutions or other authority competent to do so.

III. Revision of the present rules defining the powers and duties of Dharmadarsis.

Resolved that the rules as now framed are working satisfactorily, no material changes are now recommended but the following suggestions are made.

No. 770-81—Muz. 80-24-2, dated 28th November 1924.

(i) As orders on the recommendations of the Darmadarsis are sometimes delayed by the local officers, the following may be substituted to Rule IX of the "A" set of rules framed under Section 15 of the Muzrai Regulation.

"In all matters of routine relating to the internal management of the Institution, the unanimous opinion of the Dharmadarsis will be given effect to immediately. But where the Amildar disagrees, he shall submit a copy of the Proceedings to higher authorities for orders within 30 days of the receipt of the proceedings in his office. If orders of the Deputy Commissioner are not received within six months, the decision of the Dharmadarsis shall he carried out. But if more time for the disposal of the matter is required, the Deputy Commissioner shall obtain the orders of the Muzrai Commissioner for extension of time."

Resolved further.—

(i) that if a Dharmadarsi furnishes security to the extent of $1\frac{1}{2}$ times of the value of jewels belonging to a minor or village Institution, jewels of the maximum value of Rs. 2,000 may be left in his custody for use during prescribed occasions, thus obviating the necessity of depositing the jewels in the Taluk Treasury and conveying them to the Institution on hetchukatle and other occasions.

(ii) If an archak or other temple servant goes away without appointing a substitute, the Dharmadarsis may make temporary arrangements in consonance with the usage of the temple concerned and pending orders regarding his successor.

(iii) If a person has done a great deal for an institution, minor or village, and continues to interest himself in its welfare, he may be appointed as sole Dharmadarsi by the Muzrai Commissioner.

(iv) In the case of "Minor Institutions", the Amildar may be empowered to sanction if the Dharmadarsis approve, and draw bills up to Rs. 50 in each case of unsanctioned items of expenditure, intimation thereof being given to the Deputy Commissioner immediately and the expenditure regularized within one month.

IV. How far the powers and duties of the Muzrai Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners as laid down in G. O. dated 25th September 1922, may be revised with a view to further decentralization.

Resolved that as the orders are so recent and as no difficulty has been felt in its practical working, no modifications are now necessary.

Resolved Further.—(*j*) that the Revenue Sub-Division Officers may be recognised as Muzrai Officers in their respective jurisdiction under the provisions of the Muzrai Regulation and orders passed by them made appealable to the Deputy Commissioner.

(ii) that the Muzrai Commissioner's authority to hear appeals against the orders of Deputy Commissioners in cases coming within the purview of the Muzrai Regulation may be recognised.

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